

Matthew 5:9

The Beatitudes: Blessed are the Peacemakers (Part 4)

Application: The 4 “G’s” of Peacemaking

Gently Restore:

Go and Reconcile:

- Repentance

- Forgiveness

Application of Matthew 5:9

1. There are three general reasons to go to someone... 1) confess your sin, 2) address their sin, 3) if you believe they’re offended by you. Are there people in your life you need to take any of these three steps?
2. Why is gently restoring someone both biblical and loving? See e.g. Prov 27:5-6; Matt 18:15-17; Gal 6:1; 1 Thess 5:14; 2 Tim 2:24-26; Heb 12:6
 - a) Why is the purpose/goal(peace and reconciliation) important to recognize as you approach a person about their sin or concern?
3. Consider the following ten steps in trying to gently restore someone:
 - 1) Pray; 2) You may need to involve others to help; 3) Consider what you might say and how to best say it; 4) Provide specific examples of sin you can share with the person; 5) Meet privately and personally; 6) Be quick to confess your sin and humble to listen; 7) Present suggestions to help the other person grow/make things right; 8) Remember God’s grace in your own life as a sinner; 9) If a person doesn’t repent you may need to meet with them and others (this is step 2 of the church discipline process in Matt 18); 10) If meeting in a small group isn’t able to bring reconciliation, the third and fourth steps of Matt 18 may need to be applied.
4. What is repentance?
 - a) Is saying “sorry” the same as repenting? Why/Why not?
 - b) Consider some important aspects to genuine repentance and how you need to grow in this (or teach others to do so) e.g. repent to the party(ies) you offended; name and acknowledge the sin; don’t blame anyone/anything for your sin; consider what changes or restitution to make; ask forgiveness from those you offended (starting with God).
5. What is forgiveness?
 - a) What does it mean that forgiveness is a promise? What’s the promise (see Is 43:25; Jer 31:34; Heb 8:12; 10:17)?
 - b) Have you misunderstood forgiveness as a promise and failed to keep this promise? If so, how should you respond now?
 - c) How can you apply practical steps in forgiving others e.g. reflect on God’s forgiveness; pray; choose to forgive (remember it’s an act of the will, not an emotion); put on godly thinking; put on good deeds.

Reading this week: Read Matt 5:3-10 each day this week.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date _____

Pastor _____

<u>Book</u>	<u>Sermon Main Points</u> <i>The B _____:</i> <i>B _____ are the P _____ (Part __)</i>	<u>Other Bible References:</u>
<u>Chapter</u>	G _____ R _____ G ____ and Be R _____	
<u>Verses</u>	- R _____ - F _____	

Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

God/Yahweh/ Father	Christ/Jesus/Lord	Forgive(n)/ Forgiveness	Peace/Peacemaking /Peacemaker(s)	Repent(ance)	Sin

What is the message about? _____

How can you do this? _____

What/who can you pray for? _____

Draw a picture related to the message: